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CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TROOP F, WESTBROOK NEWS RELEASE/ INCIDENT SUMMARY

07/14/05

Accidental Drowning
Miller's Pond State Park
Haddam/Durham

DPS05- 034509

On 07/14/05 at approximately 1630 hrs personnel from Troop F responded to a report of a lost swimmer at Miller's Pond State Park on the Haddam/Durham town line. The DEP, Durham Vol. Fire, Haddam Vol. Fire, and Middletown South Fire District also responded. Trooper One and members of ESU dive team were also on scene. Witnesses reported a swimmer in distress who went below the surface. After a lengthy search a South Fire District diver located the subject. He was brought to shore and transported to Middlesex Hosp where he was pronounced dead.

****UPDATE****

Subject was identified through fingerprints, and later by family as Deshawn Tatum DOB 09/13/82 of 730 George St, New Haven, CT. Next of kin was notified.

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